

STATE OF MICHIGAN



Executive
Office

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
do hereby proclaim August 2008 as

Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Whereas, Breastfeeding provides optimal nutrition and the perfect, life-sustaining food for babies and has a lifelong positive impact on the health and well-being of both baby and mother; and,

Whereas, Friends, family members, health care providers, workplace, and society all affect a woman's decision to breastfeed as well as her ability to continue breastfeeding; and,

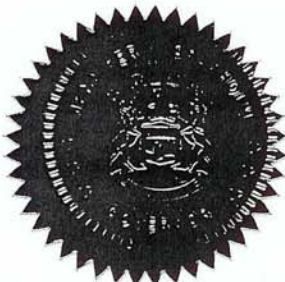
Whereas, Encouraging mothers to breastfeed their infants and encouraging communities to support breastfeeding are important steps in health promotion in Michigan; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Community Health and the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Program join a worldwide campaign every August to raise awareness of the importance of breastfeeding for optimal infant and maternal health, as well as the social and economic benefits it provides to the family and society; and,

Whereas, Breastfeeding Awareness Month is an opportunity for government organizations to join forces with families, health care providers, employers, and the greater community to encourage promotion, protection, and support for breastfeeding; and,

Whereas, Michigan is committed to increasing public support and acceptance of breastfeeding; and now therefore be it,

Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor of the state of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 2008 as Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Michigan.




Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor